Export of Books

1041. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of books exported from India during the last two years, language-wise alongwith the names of countries to which these books were exported; and

(b) whether there has been any increase or decrease in the export of such books during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The number of books exported from India during 1985-86 and 1986-87 is approximately 72 lakhs and 78 lakhs respectively. Data relating to export of books language-wise is not maintained. It is, however, estimated that 80 per cent of the books exported are in English and the rest in India languages. The major countries to which books were exported are UK, USA, Holland, Denmark, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, FRG, Mauritius, Kenya, Fiji, Pakistan, Singapore, Malaysia, China, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Japan.

(b) Export of books and publications has been increasing at the rate of about 8 per cent per annum during the last three years.

Workers Participation in Public Sector Units

1042. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of public sector units which have implemented the scheme for workers' participation in management till June, 1987;

(b) by when the remaining public sector units will implement this scheme; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against those public sector units which have not implemented this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) As per available information, 100 public sector enterprises have implemented the Scheme of Employees' Participation in Management at the shop floor and plant levels.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Labour have set up a Tripartite Committee consisting of representatives of some of the Ministries, public sector undertakings|state Governments and workers organisations to monitor the Scheme and to review its progress from time to time.

The Tripartite Committee also discusses the strategy required to be adopted for implementation of the Scheme by the public sector units. In a Scheme like this it is not possible to lay down a time limit within which the Scheme could be implemented. The public sector units have to be motivated and informed of the advantages of such a Scheme. Since the Scheme is voluntary, no action can be taken against the public sector enterprises who have not implemented the Scheme.

Fires in Delhi

1043. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of fires which took place in Delhi during the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and from April, 1987 to July, 1987;

(b) what is the number of people who died in these fires;

(c) what is the total loss of property due to the fires during this period;

(d) whether the organisation of the present Fire Brigade in Delhi is quite satisfactory or effective and well equipped; and

(e) if not, what steps Government have taken to make it more effective and modernised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The requisite figures are indicated below:

Year	*No of fire incidents*
1985-86	5153
1986-87	5351
From April 1987 to July, 1987	2741